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SUBJECT: USG SUPPORT FOR OBTAINING PRIORITY TREATMENT
FOR IAEA BY IBM

1. JUST PRIOR TO HOLIDAYS IAEA DIRECTOR DIVISION OF
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION (BRUNENKANT)
INFORMALLY REQUESTED MY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING MORE
RAPID RESPONSE FROM IBM TO ORDERS PLACED BY AGENCY.

2. BY CHANCE DURING HOLIDAYS I MET ACTING HEAD IBM
AUSTRIA GERD RISENFELDER AND RAISED MATTER WITH HIM.
RIESENFELDER WAS SYMPATHETIC AND AGREED TO INVESTIGATE.
HE INFORMED ME THAT IBM AUSTRIA HAD ALREADY MADE REQUEST
TO REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN PARIS AND HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY
TURNED DOWN, BUT SAID HE WOULD REQUEST REVIEW OF THAT
DECISION. SUBSEQUENTLY RIESENFELDER ADVISED THAT REGIONAL
HEADQUARTERS PARIS HAD INDICATED THEY DID NOT HAVE
AUTHORITY TO GRANT EXCEPTION TO IAEA AND SUCH POLICY
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MATTER COULD ONLY BE DECIDED BY IBM HEADQUARTERS, ARMONK,
NEW YORK.

3. ON INFORMING AGENCY OF RESULTS MY EFFORTS, I ASKED
FOR FORMAL LETTER OUTLINING THEIR REQUIREMENTS. LETTER
DATED JANUARY 20, 1978 (BEING HANDCARRIED WASHINGTON BY
TREVITHICK, IO/SCT) CITES AGENCY CONCERN TO ASSURE ITS

CAPABILITY MEET POLITICALLY SENSITIVE NEEDS FOR COMPUTING CAPABILITIES TO PROCESS DATA SUBMITTED UNDER SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS AND INDICATES THAT PRESENT EQUIPMENT DELIVERY PRIORITIES ARE "GROSSLY INADEQUATE" TO ASSURE COMPUTING CAPABILITY WITHIN A TIME FRAME CONSISTENT WITH AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES AND NEEDS. RECENT LETTER FROM IBM AUSTRIA TO AGENCY (TRANSMITTED AS ENCLOSURE TO AGENCY LETTER) CITES SEVENTEEN MONTH DELIVERY TIME FOR SOME TERMINALS.

4. COMMENT: I UNDERSTAND THAT GRANTING OF PRIORITY TREATMENT IS SENSITIVE MATTER POSSIBLY INVOLVING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN CONTEXT ANTI-TRUST ACTIONS, BUT THAT THERE EXISTS A PROCEDURE BY WHICH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF US AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ARE GRANTED PRIORITY TREATMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME THAT IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST DIVERSION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL, IAEA IS DESERVING OF COMPARABLE PRIORITY TREATMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT SHARES ABOVE VIEW, IT IS REQUESTED THAT RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN DEPARTMENT CONTACT IBM HEADQUARTERS AND URGE THAT IAEA BE GRANTED PRIORITY TREATMENT. STONE

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